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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: ARREST OF ASSOCIATES OF  
MOQTADA AL SADR

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Classified By: CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARD H. JONES,  
REASONS 1.5 (A) AND (D)

On October 28, DCM delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador  
Khaled Al-Babtain, Director of the Americas Department in the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Al-Babtain had no specific  
response to the arrest of Al Sadr's associates.  
JONES